

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Markus Pompejus, et al.

Serial No.: 09/606,740

Filed: June 23, 2000

For: "Corynebacterium glutamicum Genes Encoding Metabolic Pathway Proteins"

Attorney Docket No.: BGI-121CP

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

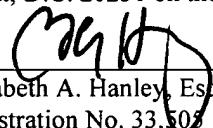
Certificate of First Class Mailing (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date set forth below.

February 28, 2002

Date of Signature and of Mail Deposit

By:

  
Elizabeth A. Hanley, Esq.  
Registration No. 33,508  
Attorney for Applicants

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY  
WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING  
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE  
DISCLOSURES**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed from the Patent Office on October 29, 2001. A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: